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ABSTRACT

This summary report of the Governor's Conference in Colorado which preceded the White House Conference on Library and Information Services provides brief descriptions of such pre-conference activities as regional meetings, "speak-outs" on local issues, and the preparation of position papers by professional library groups, as well as an overview of the state convention. Opening addresses are summarized; six topics that were considered by discussion groups are identified; conference exhibits are listed; and procedures for delegate selection and the submission, processing, and reporting of resolutions are outlined. Conference delegates adopted 24 resolutions for submission to the national conference; eight were concerned with access; three each related to cooperative activities, educational programs, and federal government responsibilities; two recommended specific state library services; and five were miscellaneous. These resolutions are presented together with a statement of the relevant issue and policy recommendations. The results of a participant evaluation of the conference are reported; and appendices include Governor Richard D. Lamm's Proclamation, a guide for discussion leaders and reporters at regional conferences, criteria for selection of delegates, a delegate nomination form, and a list of planning committee members. (RAA)

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PREFACE

COLORADOANS CARE!

Coloradoans really do care; they seek information in many formats and for a variety of purposes. The Colorado Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services brought together many such people to discuss the present and future information needs of our State. Delegates to the State Conference had been selected at one of seven Regional Conferences, where area concerns were identified and discussed.

The Regional Conferences served two purposes: to delineate the local needs to be addressed at the Governor's Conference and to discuss purely regional concerns which were too localized to present to a statewide forum. The latter provided a basis for continued programs and projects developed by the Regional Library Service Systems. Since the Systems in Colorado are multitype and include all types of libraries, they are uniquely suited to address local needs.

The Governor's Conference illustrated the differences and the commonalities which exist in Colorado. The differences in that more than 80% of our information resources are located in a narrow belt along the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains. The commonalities in that we are not rich enough in resources to be able to afford separatism.

The statewide conference also addressed the very real problem of document delivery. Outside the Front Range, delivery of library materials often takes two or three weeks. Such programs as computer assisted inter-library loan or microfiche title locator files may only serve to heighten the user's frustration, since he/she can know almost immediately where the information is located, but must still wait weeks for its delivery.

As could be expected from a state which pioneered multitype library legislation, much delegate discussion centered on the need to strengthen all types of libraries so that the entire resource base in the state would be strengthened. There seemed to be a great awareness among delegates of the interdependence of different types of libraries, especially in an era of diminishing fiscal resources.

Coloradoans not only care, but they are also anxious to explore new and different means of transmitting information. An exhibits area at the Governor's Conference demonstrated some of the latest techniques in information transmission and the exhibits were well attended. Hopefully, the state and regional conferences gave Coloradoans the impetus to explore ways in which information can be provided to people when they need it.

The Governor's Conference was an exhilarating experience, but we cannot stop there. Our delegates will go on to the White House Conference to explain that our needs are quite different from those of more populous states. On the state and regional level, there will be follow-up activities to harness the energy which was generated and direct it toward the development of better library and information services for all of Colorado's citizens.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The most exciting parts of the Colorado Governor's Conference and the pre-conference activities were the process of bringing Coloradoans together to discuss library and information issues and the hundreds of warm and informal interactions that were the result of the process. Unfortunately, these things are difficult to record or convey in a printed summary document. Given the specific final report requirements of NCLIS, which were necessary to ensure that all states and territories collected and reported the same basic information, I have used "editor's license" to include enough descriptive and summary information to make the final report useful for Coloradoans as well as for national archival purposes. Where position papers and reports of regional meetings, Speak-Outs and other activities are summarized, I hope that the selection of highlights will be seen as representative of views expressed.

Ruth M. Katz
July, 1979

I. INTRODUCTION

The theme of the Colorado Governor's Conference--"Coloradoans Care About Our Information Services"--is a reflection of four years of dramatic progress in library planning and development. In November, 1975, Libraries Colorado, a plan for the development of library service in Colorado, was approved by the Colorado State Board of Education. This plan set the general direction for the Colorado State Library and the individual libraries in Colorado. The long-range goals specified in the plan were designed to support the concept that cooperative programs, the strengthening of individual libraries and the sharing of resources would enable the citizens of Colorado to enjoy improved library service for their educational, recreational, and informational needs.

The overall goals for the Governor's Conference was to work toward providing equal access to information to all citizens of Colorado no matter where they may live within the State. The three objectives of the Conference were: (1) to determine which Colorado citizens are being underserved by libraries in obtaining the information that they need to be productive citizens, (2) to determine what role Regional Library Systems should play in helping toward the achievement of the goal, and (3) to determine what the role of the State would be in providing funding for the first two objectives. The State Conference goals were taken from Libraries Colorado, the 1975 plan developed by the Colorado Council for Library Development and approved by the State Board of Education. The objectives were developed jointly by the State Library and the Colorado Council for Library Development.

To better understand the Conference theme, goal, and objectives, it is necessary to know that key strategies for achieving equal access to information in Colorado have been defined as including regional library service systems, continuing education, networking, and guidelines to provide direction for local library service. These strategies have been enhanced by the discussions and resolutions that were generated during the State Conference.

Between the time that Libraries Colorado was approved in 1975 and the start of the State Conference in 1979, three major strategic activities were completed, and these too provided a framework for statewide discussion. The success of Colorado's seven public library systems, begun in 1967, and the increased use of the State's library resources through improved inter-library loan via the statewide reference service, caused other types of libraries to want to participate in cooperative activities. Thus, in 1975, the Colorado General Assembly passed a bill allowing the establishment of regional library service systems that included the participation of all types of publicly-supported libraries. Beginning in October, 1976, multitype library systems with academic, public, school, and special library members were a reality in Colorado.

The "Rules for Regional Library Service Systems" required that each system should provide an assessment of needs within its sytem area. Accordingly, a needs assessment project was undertaken and completed in December, 1976, and this data became available for discussion and planning purposes.

Interest in further development of a Colorado Library Network was expressed by the regional library service system directors. At their request, various planning sessions and a network design seminar were sponsored by the State Library. Regional goals for library coordination were also taken into consideration, with Colorado librarians joining their western states colleagues to work toward regional resource sharing. A plan for a Colorado Library Network to include four program areas--materials location, inter-library loan, reference/information and communications--was published in June, 1977.

This brief summary of activities shows that the issues and agenda for the Governor's Conference were developed from a base of planning and information gathering that had been underway for several years. The basic sense of direction, supplemented with Speak-Outs and Regional Conferences, ensured that members of the public, librarians, and other information professionals who would come together at the statewide conference in April, 1979, would be well prepared to discuss recommendations for local, state or federal action necessary to provide library and information services adequate to meet the needs of all communities.

II. PLANNING PROCESS

In May, 1978, Colorado Governor Richard D. Lamm appointed a 33-member Planning Committee for the Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services. He designated Paul M. Slattery as Chairperson and Mrs. Dottie Lamm as Honorary Chairperson. Four ex-officio committee members were also named by the Governor. The committee members represented all areas of the state and included students, persons from business and industry, library users, handicapped individuals, persons from various ethnic backgrounds, and retired persons. More than half of the Planning Committee members were not involved in library administration or operations. A list of Planning Committee members, the sectors they represent, and their committee assignments appears on Appendix E.

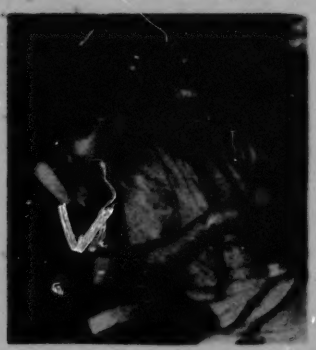
Sylvia J. Kornelsen, president of Sylvia-K Inc., a professional convention planning company, was hired to coordinate the Governor's Conference and the regional conferences. The coordinator was selected through an open competitive process administered by the Colorado Department of Education with final contract approval coming from the State Board of Education.

At the first Planning Committee meeting on May 31, 1978, six Sub-Committees were formed. These were: Regional Conferences, Delegate Selection, Public Relations, Finance/Sponsorships, Program and Issues, and Exhibits. A Steering Committee was also designated; it included the sub-committee chairpersons, the Planning Committee chairman, the State Librarian and the Conference Coordinator. The purpose and responsibilities of each sub-committee were defined and explained at this meeting. Following the general organizational session, each sub-committee met to develop planning agendas, assign task responsibilities, and estimate budgets.

During the year of work culminating in the Governor's Conference, there were three meetings of the Planning or Steering Committees and many meetings of the individual sub-committees. Major decisions made included selecting sites and dates for regional conferences, seeking sponsors to share in conference costs, obtaining agreements from exhibitors, selecting a site for the statewide conference, selecting speakers and discussion leaders, etc.

Three contracts were let in support of the conference. The Colorado State Library contracted with Media West to develop an audiovisual presentation for the conference. The presentation was designed as an opening program for the conference and was directly targeted to the attending delegates. The program content was coordinated with conference print materials and discussion issues. It served as a motivational piece which offered the delegates a challenge for successful completion of the conference goals. The program was presented to the entire group of delegates and utilized a large screen format, stereophonic audio track, multi/image and multi/projector presentation and time/division/multiplex computer programming.

A second contract was let to Donald Cohen to do the public relations work for the statewide conference. This work included design of a logo, press releases, four issues of a newsletter sent to elected delegates, media liaison during the conference and post-conference wrap-up activities. A contract to edit the conference process and activities into the format required by NCLIS for a final report was awarded to Ruth Katz. Evaluation of the statewide meeting was included as a task in this work.



III. PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Three types of pre-conference activities took place in Colorado. Regional Conferences were held in each of the State's seven Regional Library Service System areas, Speak-Outs were held on a more local basis to involve the public and the professionals in discussions, and issue papers were prepared by various interest groups wanting to summarize a set of specific concerns. Most of the issue papers were not available at the time of the Regional Conferences but they were distributed to state conference delegates elected by the regions.

A. Regional Conferences

To ensure consistency and to help each Regional Library Service System headquarters office with program planning, the Regional Conference Facilitator prepared two documents for use by discussion leaders and reporters. Both were used in the training sessions for discussion leaders that preceded each conference. One document, "Tips for Discussion Leaders," contains information designed to improve the participation and the conduct of meetings. The other document outlines responsibilities of discussion leaders and reporters and suggests questions designed to help conference attendees focus their discussion in the primary topic being considered.

The format and schedule of each regional conference was identical. Discussion leaders and reporters, banquet speakers and delegate selection committees were chosen on a region-by-region basis at each conference. Staff from the Regional Library Service System office assisted the Governor's Conference staff with local arrangements and took responsibility for publicizing the conference, preparing informational handouts that provided library statistics, etc. for the region, and summarizing the conference discussions.

Each conference began with a registration period set up in a room that also included exhibits and/or demonstrations of computer-based information searches. Each opening session began with a commercially produced slide show about uses of library technology. Then local library officials introduced the conference moderator and facilitator and the keynote speaker. Participants were reminded to fill out delegate nomination forms for the State Conference, various procedural matters were explained and the attendees then dispersed to their assigned discussion groups.

During each regional meeting, three periods of time were devoted to small group discussions. One period was devoted to a discussion of library and information resources including facilities, materials and staff. Another focussed on the general concept of access including hours of service, programs, networks and materials. The third discussion topic centered on value--sources of revenue, costs per services provided and alternatives to existing patterns of support for libraries.

A banquet was scheduled at the end of the first day of each conference; these usually concluded with an address by a speaker familiar with local issues. At the general session that opened the second day of the conference, State Library sponsored slide/tape program, "The Future is Today: Colorado Regional Library Service System" was shown. Later in the second day, the delegate selection committee distributed the delegate slate to attendees and provided an opportunity for write-ins to be submitted. Delegate election took place following lunch and the closing session.

Standard criteria and procedures for selection of delegates to the State Conference were applied in each region. Registrants at each regional conference elected four delegates plus additional delegates pro-rated according to the 1975 population of the region. Delegates allocations were:

Southwest System (Durango)	4	+ 2	= 6
High Plains System (Greeley)	4	+ 12	= 16
Arkansas Valley System (Pueblo)	4	+ 7	= 11
Three Rivers System (Dillon)	4	+ 3	= 7
Pathfinder System (Grand Junction)	4	+ 3	= 7
Central Colorado System (Denver)	4	+ 44	= 48
Plains & Peaks System (Colorado Springs)	4	+ 9	= 13
	28	+ 80	=108

In addition to the 108 delegates selected at the regional conferences, the State Delegate Selection Sub-Committee selected an additional 14 delegates in an attempt to achieve the composition of delegates requested by the National Commission on Library and Information Science (NCLIS). Total delegate representation to the State Conference was 122.

Two-thirds of the elected delegates were to be non-library-related citizens and one-third to be from library-related persons.

Non-library-related registrants included any member of the public who were not currently or formerly an employee or affiliate of any library or library-related program. This category included lay members of any Friends of the Library organization.

Library-related registrants included any present or former library service system employee, library trustee or board member, librarian, library/media school students, library/media instructor, library para-professional or researcher, or other present or former employee of a library, be it public, school, academic, governmental, institutional, non-profit or commercial. Any person holding an MLS degree was considered library-related.

Delegate nomination forms were distributed to registrants at the regional conferences. Registrants were encouraged to nominate themselves. Delegate nomination forms required agreement by the nominee to:

1. Attend the entire regional conference in the region he/she lives or works.

2. Read all materials sent out in advance of the State Conference.

3. Be present during the entire three days of the State Conference, April 20-22, 1979, in Denver.

Delegates elected by attendees at the regional conference would be from a slate submitted by the Regional

Delegate Selection Committee comprised of two non-library-related citizens from the region, one library-related person from the region, one member of the Governor's Conference Planning Committee, and the System Director from the region, who would be ex-officio and would vote only in case of a tie. Nominations from the floor were accepted provided such nominees had previously obtained at least five signatures by attendees at the regional conference.

The following criteria were adhered to as nearly as possible in the citizen delegate selections:

- o No more than 60% of either sex.
- o At least 5% of the delegates shall be under age 18.
- o At least 5% of the delegates shall be over 60.
- o At least 5% of the delegates shall be handicapped.
- o At least 15% of the delegates shall represent minority groups.

Governor's Conference Planning Committee members were also eligible to be selected as delegates or alternates to the White House Conference.

The State Conference elected eight delegates to attend the White House Conference. One citizen delegate was elected from each of Colorado's Congressional Districts and the remaining three delegates were elected at large from the library-related area.

Three White House Conference alternates were also selected by the State Delegate Selection Sub-Committee.

To be eligible for nomination to the White House Conference, an individual must have attended the regional conference in his/her region and been elected as a delegate to the State Conference.

A summary of each of the regional meetings is given below in the order in which they were held.

Durango (September 29-30, 1978) - This conference, in the Southwest Regional Library Service System area, attracted 67 participants about half of whom were non-library related. Some of the priorities identified in discussion groups include need for funds for library construction and capital improvements, increasing need for libraries to function as community centers in small communities, greater public awareness of what is available through libraries, need for more local and statewide news and information (the system area receives TV from New Mexico stations, Denver newspapers arrive a day late, etc.), need to eliminate restrictions in use of materials and equipment purchased with federal funds and concern that local funding should support local programs with state and federal funds available for inter-jurisdictional programs.

Greeley (October 6-7, 1978) - The High Plains Regional Library Service System conference registered 67 persons, 29 of whom were non-library related. In the discussion groups,

the most frequently mentioned ideas were cooperation among all types of libraries, elimination of unnecessary duplication, equalization of access to information, acceptance of public relations as a valid item in library budgets, more funding for libraries, use of technology to speed up delivery of information and recognition that rural residents have information needs equal to their urban counterparts.

Pueblo (October 20-21, 1978) - The Arkansas Valley Regional Library Service System hosted 44 attendees. Areas of concern included the need to inform the public about materials and services available at all types of libraries, more interlibrary cooperation and better interlibrary loan services, need to re-educate librarians, need for statewide borrowing programs through use of a single library card, establishment of larger units of service such as multicounty libraries, stronger public relations programs, more attempts to obtain grant funds from the private sector and the federal government, more school system money for school libraries and more attempts by local libraries to seek increases in local funding. This regional conference produced one resolution: "Resolved: We the Arkansas Valley Regional Conference agree that a critical way to increase library service for Coloradoans is to institute statewide borrowing whereby members of any public library in the State may borrow books from any other public library. Further resolved: That the State Legislature should provide funds to reimburse subsequent net lending libraries for the cost of such services."

Frisco/Dillon (November 3-4, 1978) - Participants at the Three Rivers Regional Library Service System area conference prioritized their concerns in the following order: skilled and helpful library staff; better selection of materials; continuing education for staff and trustees; more volunteers, some of whom are potential trustees; equalization of services regardless of income and geographical location, services relevant to individual communities, meeting the needs of the public, supplying accurate and current information and offering more outreach programs.

Grand Junction (November 10-11, 1978) - Fifty people attended this regional conference in the Pathfinder Library Service System area. Nine attendees were non-library related. A wide variety of interests and needs were discussed. Among these were needs for better library buildings, business collections, hours of services and library staff--especially support staff. There was much interest in having more public relations work to increase user awareness of libraries and library services, more service to the handicapped and to ethnic minorities and more libraries in elementary schools. Many of the participants believed they were getting their money's worth from libraries. Opinions varied about fees for some library services. More federal and state funds for libraries including review sharing funds were requested.

Denver (December 1-2, 1978) - The conference in the Central Colorado Regional Library Service System area attracted a large audience. Answers to the question, "What do you expect from your library?" ranged from better service to users, to

better educated professional librarians, to more and better access to government documents, audio and video materials and other special resources. Attendees also saw the need to have libraries function as community and cultural centers offering a wide range of programs and services and to use technologies to improve communications and access to information. There was much interest in encouraging strong public relations efforts, cooperation among all types of libraries and establishment of a minimum standard for all libraries.

Better designed buildings were seen as a need, especially buildings that are accessible to the handicapped. More hours of service; better access to materials through better finding tools, faster document delivery, a statewide library card; and better public awareness of services were cited as needs. Discussion of funding issues included concern with working more closely with local funding agencies, identifying other sources of funds, using advertising and public relations strategies both to obtain and maintain better funding levels, and better management of funds that are obtained. With regard to the issue of fees for services, discussants believed that basic services should be free and that user fees are unacceptable. There was some willingness to establish fees for certain "non-basic" services.

Colorado Springs (December 8-9, 1978) - The Plains and Peaks Regional Library Service System conference dealt with a large number of issues. More cooperation, more attention to the needs of culturally diverse and economically disadvantaged citizens and more public awareness of materials and services available at libraries were seen as necessary. More and more convenient hours of service, staff competencies and attitudes and more communication among librarians were also mentioned as needs.

Discussion of access to libraries showed that there were needs for physical access, for instruction and help to present non-users, for better access to audiovisual materials and hardware and for shared services. The limited possibilities for expanding the revenue base for libraries were discussed. These included fees for services, private sources of funds, ways of increasing local funding and the need for librarians to be politically active such as through lobbying.

B. Speak-Outs

In Colorado, most Speak-Outs were designed around local issues and were held in advance of regional conferences so that results and issues identified could be presented at the regional level meetings. One Speak-Out was arranged for library professionals and was held in March, 1979, after all the regional conferences had been completed.

In the nine-county High Plains Regional Library System area, 19 communities held Speak-Outs during August and September, 1978. A total of about 500 citizens participated in

these meetings and discussed issues of resources, access and funding. In terms of resources, citizens asked for better basic collections and facilities for local libraries, for microforms and related equipment, films and film projectors, art prints, large print materials, copying services, oral history collections coordinated by the library, and services to children and homebound or outreach programs to reach people who are currently non-users.

Access would be enhanced by highway signs showing where the library is located, by better directional signs in the library, by public relations campaigns and by good staff attitudes. Speak-Out participants talked about sharing staff, collections, and facilities and about interlibrary loan, library hours, and catalogs that provide access to state documents. Citizen views of funding suggest that local people should pay for basic services but state monies should be used to provide access to other collections. It was suggested that better coordination of resources would lead to better use of money. There was interest in ensuring that residents of cities are not bearing an unfair share of the cost of supporting libraries that serve rural residents. A broader funding base, eliminating barriers between school and public libraries, and more cooperative efforts were seen as ways of brightening the funding picture.

In the Central Colorado Library System area, Speak-Outs were held during October and November, 1978, preceding the December regional conference. Local sponsors included The Adams County Public Library and The Community College of Denver, North Campus (with the Westminster Public Library and Adams County School District 12); Community College of Denver, Red Rocks Campus; Denver Public Library; Douglas County Public Library; Jefferson County Public Library; and Longmont Public Library.

As in other parts of the state, citizens were concerned with materials and services, with special clients groups, public relations, educating users, uses of technology, improved management of libraries and funding. Jefferson County citizens expressed interest in more and larger facilities, collections, hours and programs. The two Denver Public Library Speak-Outs took the form of radio shows, one on a pop music AM station (audience estimate 20,000-25,000 listeners for a 6:30 - 8:45 a.m. show) and one on the National Public Radio FM station (audience estimate 40,000-44,000 listeners for a 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. show). Both radio shows featured listener call-in formats. In their summary of the radio Speak-Outs, Denver Public Library staff report that citizens are genuinely concerned that the levels of library and information services be maintained and improved upon as they currently exist and that citizens are by and large unaware of the changes which can be afforded in these services through the adaptation of present and future technological advances; but are not vocal in opposing the use of federal tax dollars in the attainment of either the technology or its implementation.

The Speak-Out for library professionals was organized into "type of library" (academic, public, school/media

center, special) and issue-oriented (continuing and user education, funding/accountability, legislation, technology) discussion groups. Some of these groups used already prepared position papers as a basis for discussion. Many of the issues discussed were specific to Colorado--either legislation being considered in the current session, library strength relative to library standards, need for increased state funding, etc.

The results of the library professionals Speak-Out were circulated to State Conference delegates in early April, 1979. This was done to ensure that lay delegates would have some additional insights as to issues that library-related delegates might raise for discussion.

C. Position Papers

Formal position papers were prepared by the School Library Media Division of the Colorado Library Association (CLA), by the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Special Libraries Association (SLA), and by the College and University Division of the Colorado Library Association.

The School Library Media Division paper urged the State Department of Education to recommend to school districts to establish library media programs in every public school in Colorado. The Division takes the position that every publicly-supported school have a library media center staffed by at least one certificated Librarian or Library Media Specialist. Cooperative systems were endorsed as was multitype library cooperation; these were seen as methods of increasing citizen access to materials and information and as a means of using available dollars more effectively. A strengthened state library with adequate funding is perceived as basic for library development. The appropriate use of technology is said to be the best mechanism for freeing library professionals to teach students to deal with information and to develop positive library attitudes.

Special librarians wanted delegates to be aware of their needs both as users and as providers of information. Part of the position paper describes how special libraries differ from other libraries and how they fit in their organizations. These librarians, representing Colorado's 250 special libraries, want to strengthen and expand their role in cooperative arrangements. They want to share their specialized collections and join with other librarians in resource sharing, networking and continuing education programs. The Rocky Mountain SLA Chapter endorsed State Library efforts to encourage passage of a documents deposit law, supported establishment of a statewide document delivery service and continued clarification of the problem of copyright, and expressed concern that special libraries should have access to funding opportunities at the state and federal level.

Librarians representing Colorado's 36 academic libraries described their role in serving citizens, their problems in maintaining the quality of their collections

and the goals that they share with all librarians. Difficulties with the formula budget imposed by the Colorado Legislature are described in terms of collection size and levels of staffing. Academic librarians see a critical need for an up-to-date Colorado union list of serials, for OCLC terminal access at small academic libraries, and for ongoing research and planning as a prerequisite to further cooperation with regard to circulation systems, acquisitions systems, and audiovisual materials.

IV. STATE CONFERENCE

The State Conference goal and objectives were described in Section I of this report and the committee approach to planning the conference was described in Section II.

The Colorado Governor's Conference was convened on April 20, 1979, at The Stouffer's Denver Inn, a barrier-free facility. In his welcoming statement, Paul Slattery, Chairman of the Planning Committee, said:

> "I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the Colorado Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services. Each of you has an important role in representing your region of the state at this Conference. I feel certain that each of you share in being proud of our great state of Colorado where, as Theodore Roosevelt said, 'the scenery bankrupts the English language.' And, I am sure all of you also share in my optimism about the future of library and information services within our beautiful state.
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> "Our challenge during this conference is to debate and discuss questions brought forward by you at the Regional Conferences last fall including: What will be the future of our information needs? How can we meet these needs? Do sources of information need to be centralized? How can our libraries help? How will minorities, the handicapped, the elderly, the institutionalized be served? Where will we turn for information needs beyond libraries?
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> "Your ideas may well become the foundation for action... and, as Coloradoans, we care about our information needs."

Earlier, Anne Marie Falsone, Assistant Commissioner of Education, Office of Library Services, also welcomed the delegates in behalf of the State Library:

> "Welcome to the Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services! I hope that you are as excited about the opportunities which this conference presents as I am. When you consider that as delegates selected to attend the Governor's Conference you will represent over 2.5 million Coloradoans, I think you will agree that you have a very important job ahead of you.
>
> "In addition to the important resolutions which Colorado delegates will take to the White House Conference,

even more important is the impact which the Governor's Conference will have on future library and information services in Colorado. The regional conferences were very successful and identified specific area concerns which will be presented at the Governor's Conference. Some of those regional concerns will be seen statewide in scope and will be addressed at this conference. Others will be returned to the regional level to consider ways in which identified local needs can be met within each area of the state.

"The role of a delegate at the Governor's Conference is a very important one and will require a great deal of your time and energy. However, I hope that when the 2½ days are over, you will feel it was an exciting, informative, and rewarding experience.

"I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the Governor's Conference. The information needs of our state are great and growing every day; hopefully, we can identify ways of dealing with them during the Governor's Conference."

The above remarks were conveyed to conference delegates via the Governor's Conference '79, a newsletter prepared especially for delegates and issued in the months of February, March, and April, 1979. Each issue contained news of importance to delegates and profiles of delegates from various parts of the state. All conference delegates were listed, with their affiliations, during the three-month publication life of the newsletter.

A. Conference Program

Discussion topics for the conference were identified from issues raised at the seven regional conferences after review of these issues by the Program and Issues Sub-Committee. Six topics were developed from Colorado-based discussions. National issues were treated as a seventh topic. The Sub-Committee determined that questions of funding should be addressed under each topic. The six conference topics were:

- To ensure equality of access to library and information services for all Colorado citizens.
- To ensure maximum use and sharing of all resources of all libraries through conventional and technological means.
- To ensure that special (physically handicapped, elderly, minorities, and institutionalized) receive library and information services.
- To ensure that libraries are utilizing and sharing the best in technology for networking, information retrieval, instructional services, transmission of data and reproduction of materials.

- o To ensure that library users are aware of library services, are instructed in the use of libraries, and that library staff continue to upgrade professional skills.

- o To ensure that Coloradoans have access to and make best possible use of specialized information sources such as newspapers, radio, television, and commercial information handling services.

B. Conference Exhibits

Pikes Peak Library Active Computer Environment (PPLACE) On-line inventory.

Solar Energy Research Institute (SERI)

JEFFCAT, Jefferson County Public Library - On-line catalog.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) On-line reference services and telecommunications.

Colorado State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

Special Libraries - Types of library services.

Auraria Audio-visual Department - Videotaping and production.

Colorado State Library - Microforms.

CLSI - On-line circulation.

Networking, Colorado State Library.

Central Colorado Regional Library Service System.

C. Procedure for Delegate Selection

The three categories of persons eligible to be elected as White House Conference delegates and alternates were (1) state delegates elected at each of the regional conferences, (2) additional at-large persons selected by the State Delegate Selection Sub-Committee to help achieve the composition of delegates requested by NCLIS, and (3) Planning Committee members.

The procedure for election was the same for all candidates. The pre-conference registration form sent to all state delegates and Planning Committee members included space to indicate interest in being elected and availability to attend the White House Conference. Eligible candidates were urged to submit their own names, but they could be nominated by another delegate if evidence of interest and availability could be shown.

One person from each of Colorado's five Congressional Districts was elected by non-library-related State delegates

who live in the candidate's Congressional District. Eligible candidates who indicated on their State Conference registration form their interest in being elected and availability to attend the White House Conference were listed alphabetically on a ballot, by Congressional District. The election in each group was conducted by a Planning Committee member.

The three library-related delegates were elected by library-related State delegates. Eligible candidates who indicated interest and availability on their State Conference registration form were listed alphabetically on a ballot. The election was conducted by the Assistant Commissioner, Office of Library Services.

The State Delegate Selection Sub-Committee appointed the following alternate delegates to the White House Conference: Jacquie Haughton, Chairman, Colorado State Board of Education (non-library-related); Paul M. Slattery, Chairman, Planning Committee (non-library-related); and Anne Marie Falsone, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Library Services (library-related). Delegate runners-up, based on the highest number of votes, were considered alternates for alternates.

D. Resolutions

The Resolutions Sub-Committee prepared a list of nine procedural guidelines for the submission, processing and reporting of resolutions. Some resolutions orginated from discussion groups, some from individual delegates and some from small groups representing a regional library service system area or a special interest group. The nine guidelines adopted by the delegates were:

1. Resolutions will be written by Resource People, with assistance from the appropriate Discussion Leader and/or Recorder, based upon priority concerns identified by Discussion Groups and recommended actions suggested by those groups.

2. Resolutions not arising from Discussion Groups must bear the signatures of twenty delegates.

3. All resolutions shall be submitted to the Resolutions Sub-Committee in Room 973. No resolutions may be introduced on the Conference floor.

4. Resolutions may be submitted until 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 21.

5. Resolutions must be clear, precise, and address only one problem.

6. Resolutions shall be submitted to the Resolutions Sub-Committee on official resolutions forms, which will be available at the Resource Desk.

7. The Sub-Committee may edit resolutions for clarity and may combine like resolutions into a single one.

8. The Chair of the Planning Committee shall introduce all resolutions on the floor of the Conference on Sunday, April 22.

9. The results of voting shall be reported as a part of the official proceedings of the Conference.

E. Conference Process

Good organization was a hallmark of the Colorado Governor's Conference. All persons attending were issued color-coded badges which identified library-related delegates, non-library related delegates and non-delegates who were observers or guests. Each badge included a series of three numbers designating the discussion session to which the badgeholder was assigned. Assignments were made on the basis of delegate-expressed preferences. Each session was planned so that attendance would be about equal and would include one-third library-related and two-thirds non-library-related delegates. Conference scheduling permitted each delegate to attend three different discussion sessions.

To further assist delegates, conference planners, staff and State Library personnel in attendance wore white "Ask Me" ribbons. Help with locations, materials, scheduling, etc. was available in this way. Also, fifteen minute orientation sessions to each of the conference topics were offered at three different times during the conference. Each delegate thus had ample opportunity to attend a session relating to the discussion topics to which he/she was assigned.

Discussion groups were scheduled at three times during the first two days of the conference. Each session of one hour 45 minutes was staffed by a discussion leader and a recorder who were not themselves delegates to the conference.

The first day of the conference ended with a social hour followed by the Governor's dinner. Highlights of the speech by Governor Richard D. Lamm are as follows:

Beginning with a personal statement, Governor Lamm told conference delegates that he had fond memories of the time spent enjoying the pregnant silence of the library that was near his childhood home. The Governor said that the public library was "where I met Long John Silver, Oliver Twist, Black Beauty, and the other friends of my youth." Eventually, said the Governor, every thinking person experiences that shock of recognition, that explosive experience of learning to communicate via books beyond your own community and beyond your own age.

Touching on the problem of the decreasing amount of dollars available for public services, Governor Lamm pointed out the ironies in some of the ways we analyze the availability and the value of our dollars. He quoted a 1968 statement by Senator Robert Kennedy:

> "The gross national product includes air pollution and cigarette advertising and ambulances to clear out highways of carnage. It counts special locks

for our doors, and jails for the people who break them. It counts the destruction of the redwoods and the death of Lake Superior. It counts napalm and nuclear warheads, and armored cars for the police to fight riots in our cities. It counts Whitman's rifle and Speck's knife, and television programs which glorify violence the better to sell goods to our children. Yet the gross national product does not allow for the health of our children, the quality of their education or the joy of their play. It does not include the beauty of our poetry or the strength of our marriages, the intelligence of our public debate or the integrity of our public officials. It measures neither our wit nor our courage, neither our compassion nor our devotion to country. It measures everything, in short, except that which makes life worthwhile. And it can tell us everything about America, except whether we are proud to be Americans."

The Governor warned of the dangers of fiscal McCarthyism saying that "if libraries are perceived by the public as passive institutions that fail to play a central role in the lives of their communities, they will be cut back. If libraries don't continually rethink their missions, they will be affected by the Proposition 13 mentality."

Turning to technology, the Governor described the development of technology as occurring in three phases. The first two phases, from the beginning of time to Gutenberg and from Gutenberg to Sputnik, required millenia, but phase three--from Sputnik to the Jupiter of the information age--required only 20 years. Governor Lamm gave examples of dramatic changes in technologies--the interrelationship of computers and communication technologies, great increases in storage capacity of data files, increasing miniaturization, the use of optical fibers for message transmission, etc. Then he commented that even with the great flood of information available, there is still a relative dearth of wisdom and a failure to acknowledge the differences among data, information, knowledge and wisdom. No programmer and no computer can give us common sense, let alone knowledge and wisdom.

In closing, Governor Lamm said that the world has achieved brilliance without wisdom, information without knowledge and power without conscience. There is much to be gained from re-studying the wisdom that is derived from our history and our literature as reflected in the words of leaders such as Black Elk, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and Martin Luther King. The library makes their views of society, culture and progress available to us all.

The second full conference day began with a major address by John Berry, Editor-in-Chief of Library Journal.

Mr. Berry spoke about the role of libraries as related to the future of a democratic society. In his analysis of

this role, he pointed out the similarities and the differences between the information functions of libraries and those of the mass media. Relating many of his points to library developments in Colorado, John Berry's presentation was enthusiastically received by the conference delegates and guests.

Two sets of discussion group sessions were scheduled on the second day. The day ended with a social hour and western style dinner and entertainment.

The final day began with a continental breakfast for delegates. Copies of all resolutions submitted to the Resolutions Sub-Committee were available to delegates at this time. Consideration of resolutions began after breakfast, continued through lunch and into the afternoon. The long process of considering and debating the 31 resolutions presented was moderated by the Chairman of the Planning Committee who worked with the assistance of a Parliamentarian. The process was completed at mid-afternoon.

Election of White House Conference delegates and alternates and announcement of the election results was the final order of business. The Colorado Governor's Conference adjourned at 4:30 p.m. on April 22, 1979.

F. Overview of Conference Actions

When the work of the Governor's Conference delegates and the Resolutions Sub-Committee was completed, 24 approved resolutions were adopted and prepared in final form. Among the 24 adopted resolutions, eight concerned access, three each related to cooperative activities, educational programs and federal government responsibilities, two recommended specific state library services and five were categorized as miscellaneous.

The 24 resolutions can also be categorized according to the agency or groups sharing in responsibility for implementation. Viewed in this way, fourteen of the resolutions assign responsibility to the State Library, nine would probably require action of the Colorado Legislature, eight place some responsibility on individual libraries, four involve regional library systems, five involve the federal government and three involve professional associations in the state.

Seven resolutions were not adopted by convention delegates. These concerned expansion of document delivery services, expansion of borrowing privileges, media-based user instructions, survey of existing programs for special groups, organization of Friends groups on a statewide basis, a Colorado income tax checkoff for public library materials, and expressed preference for federal categorical funding and opposition to federal block grant programs. In general, these resolutions failed because they either duplicated or overlapped another resolution, were already accomplished, or were too vague to obtain delegate support.

TOPICS/SUBSTANCE ( ) = resolution number	Implementation: Colorado Legislature	Colorado State Library	Systems Reg'l. Library	Federal Government	Professional Associations	Individual Libraries
ACCESS						
(2) EVERY CITIZEN SHOULD BE SERVED BY A LEGALLY DEFINED LIBRARY--General Assembly should ensure through legislation.	X					
(6) STATEWIDE USERS' CARD - State Legislature to reimburse net lenders.	X	X				X
(14) COLLECTIONS FOR SPECIAL GROUPS - languages other than English, reflecting cultural heritages, multiple reading levels and media.						X
(15) SPECIAL USER NEEDS - Omnibus Resolution						
Library Construction - LSCA II				X		
Information Needs of Disabled		X				X
Cooperation and Sharing Materials						X
Standards for Services to Institutionalized	X	X				
(18) PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAMS - to create citizen awareness of materials and services.						X
(19) ACCESS TO MEDIA - Omnibus Resolution						
Copyright/Off-the-Air Taping				X		
Establish Statewide Educational TV Network	X	X				
(21) EQUALIZED FUNDING FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES - Concept similar to that for public school funding.	X	X				X
(22) REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE SYSTEM FUNDING	X	X	X		X	
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT						
(1) NATIONAL BILL OF RIGHTS FOR USERS - identify who can use library services; services available; how, when, and where they can be used.				X		
(4) POSTAL SYSTEM - Reduce rates and give priority mail status.				X		
(23) ELIMINATE RESTRICTIONS ON MATERIALS PURCHASED WITH FEDERAL FUNDS				X		
COOPERATION						
(3) SCHOOL/PUBLIC LIBRARIES - encourage and assist in development			X			

TOPICS/SUBSTANCE ( ) = resolution number	Implementation: Colorado Legislature	Colorado State Library	Colorado State Systems	Reg'l. Library	Federal Government	Professional Associations	Individual Libraries
(7) PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LIBRARIES - revise Colorado library law to allow full and equal participation.		X	X				
(17) TECHNOLOGY IN LIBRARIES - Omnibus Resolution:							
Support Research		X					
Clearinghouse for Technology Advancement		X					
Protect Privacy of Patrons		X					
State Library Provide Leadership		X					
SERVICES							
(5) FILMS AND VIDEOTAPES - free service of Colorado State Library, remove legal barriers to sharing materials purchased with public funds.	X	X	X			X	
(12) STATE FUNDING OF CONSULTING SERVICES TO SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA PROGRAMS (instead of through ESEA funds).	X	X					
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS							
(8) TRUSTEE WORKSHOPS - regular inservice programs.		X				X	
(10) CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR LIBRARY STAFF - opportunities for all levels of staff at accessible locations.		X	X				X
(13) LIBRARY USER EDUCATION - Programs in public libraries and public schools.		X	X				X
MISCELLANEOUS							
(9) LIBRARY REVIEW OF PURPOSE - in order to better serve total community.							X
(11) SCHOOL MEDIA PROGRAMS TO BE STAFFED BY PROFESSIONALLY TRAINED, CERTIFIED SCHOOL MEDIA SPECIALISTS AT ALL LEVELS.	X	X				X	
(20) CONTINUATION OF CONFERENCE COMMUNICATION - Through local support groups, etc. and that the Colorado State Library distribute White House Conference proceedings and continue to keep citizens and libraries informed.		X					

TOPICS/SUBSTANCE ( ) = resolution number	Implementation: Colorado Legislature	Colorado State Library	Reg'l. Library Systems	Federal Government	Professional Associations	Individual Libraries
(24) FULLY IMPLEMENTED COLORADO PLAN FOR LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT.		X				
(16) LIBRARY SCHOOLS RECRUIT MORE HANDICAPPED AND MINORITY STUDENTS.		X				

V. ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The six issues discussed at the Conference were developed by the Programs and Issues Sub-Committee after reviewing all of the issues raised at the seven Regional Conferences. The topics most often expressed as being of greatest concern to regional conference participants were identified by the Sub-Committee for further discussion at the Governor's Conference.

The six conference topics (equal access, maximum use and sharing through conventional and technological means, education of library users and staff, services to special groups, uses of technology, access to specialized information sources) were the basis for discussion groups held during the first two conference days. Discussion leaders and recorders summarized the issues and concerns that developed around each topic and translated the highest priority items, as determined by group consensus, into resolutions that could be considered by all conference delegates. Some additional resolutions were submitted by individuals or groups and these were also presented to conference delegates.

The 24 resolutions/recommendations adopted by the Governor's Conference delegates are arranged below in six categories. These categories differ somewhat from the discussion topics listed above. This is done to eliminate overlapping categories, to better reflect the final working of the adopted resolutions and to separate out two resolutions that are directed to the federal government.

CATEGORY I -- ACCESS TO SERVICES AND MATERIALS

Resolution 2 Issue: WHEREAS, adequate library service should be a right of the citizens of Colorado and fundamental; now, therefore,

Policy Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly of Colorado be respectfully requested to pass legislation assuring that every citizen be served by a legally defined library.

Resolution 6 Issue: WHEREAS, Coloradoans in general travel around the state and have the need for immediate use of library materials; and WHEREAS, some Coloradoans prefer to browse the materials before checking them out, and interlibrary loan cannot serve this purpose for these users; now, therefore,

Program Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED, that a statewide user's card system be developed by the joint effort of the public, school, academic and special libraries, with the State Library, providing the leadership and coordination. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that implementation should be as soon as possible and when feasible. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the state legislature be asked to provide funds necessary to reimburse those libraries that are not lenders under the cost of this service.

Resolution 14 Issue: WHEREAS, a variety of culturally distinct groups have contributed uniquely to the overall development of communities, regions and the state as a whole; and WHEREAS, library collections do not always reflect the cultural heritage of their communities; and WHEREAS, some members of these groups communicate most effectively in languages other than English; and WHEREAS, library collections are not always appropriate to user needs because of the reading level, interest level, language or medium of the materials; and WHEREAS, library collections and services are not always physically accessible to some users; now, therefore,

Policy Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED, that libraries should place a high priority on determining special needs, on developing collections and services relevant to those needs, and on using every available resource to ensure both user and potential user awareness of services developed.

Program Recommendation: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that libraries, with the assistance of appropriate groups or individuals, should develop collections that reflect the cultural heritage of their communities.

Resolution 15 Issue: WHEREAS, the Federal Government has decreed that all public programs including libraries be accessible; WHEREAS, the Federal Government has supplied no money for new public library buildings, expansion of public library buildings, or removing barriers to the handicapped since 1975; and WHEREAS, disabled persons often require special communication techniques and equipment; and WHEREAS, most libraries do not have staff trained in the use of these techniques, or the necessary equipment; and WHEREAS, materials to meet the specialized information needs of the handicapped and minorities are not

always available from the public library; and WHEREAS, school libraries and other community resources often have appropriate materials available; and WHEREAS, existing national minimal standards of library service in institutions are not uniformly adequate to meet the needs of the institutionalized residents of Colorado, and WHEREAS, state and local institutions in Colorado receive widely varying levels of library service; and WHEREAS, the state of Colorado is responsible for providing library and information services in correctional, residential, and medical institutions operated by the state; now, therefore,

Policy Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED, that the cooperation and coordination of services and the sharing of materials among public libraries, school libraries and other agencies should be required.

Program Recommendations: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the U.S. Congress immediately restore funds to Title II of the Library Services and Construction Act for the purpose of building new public library buildings, expansion of public library buildings, or removing architectural barriers to the handicapped. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that libraries should acquire specialized equipment and provide opportunities for staff training in development of communication techniques such as sign language in order to meet the information needs of the disabled. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that minimal standards of library service in state and local institutions should be developed and a task force appointed to identify the needs of the institutionalized residents of Colorado. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the state of Colorado will designate the agency most competent to establish, operate and maintain institutional libraries and the General Assembly will support and fund essential library services for the institutionalized.

Resolution 18

Issue: WHEREAS, libraries provide information and related services in an order of their intellectual and creative potential; and WHEREAS, many Colorado citizens may be unaware of the broad range of materials and services provided by libraries; and WHEREAS, planned, creative public information programs are needed to make citizens aware of library materials and services; and WHEREAS, many libraries are not currently able to provide public information programs; and WHEREAS, public information about libraries has been recognized as a priority need of the seven regional meetings preceding the Governor's Conference; now, therefore,

Policy Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED, that libraries in Colorado actively support and promote on-going public information programs, including the use of electronic media and their organizations and public information professionals, designed to acquaint citizens with library materials and services, including specialized library and information services, and the value of libraries, and to create a positive, dynamic image of librarians.

Program Recommendation: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that public and non-public libraries in Colorado establish a public information council to assist in the on-going public information effort.

Resolution 19 Issue: WHEREAS, equal access to information is a right of all citizens of the United States of America, and WHEREAS, the public and commercial media systems utilize public airwaves and/or are controlled and regulated by federal and state governmental agencies; and WHEREAS, due to physical and geographical barriers unique to Colorado which isolate some of its citizens from immediate and equal access to information from these vital electronic and printed media sources; now, therefore,

Policy Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED, that this Colorado Governor's Conference on Libraries and Information Services charge the Governor of Colorado, the Legislators of Colorado, the Colorado State Library, the White House Conference, Congress and all federal and state agencies concerned with the control and regulation of public and commercial media distribution to work together and hand-in-hand with those isolated local communities to ensure that they have equal access, at a reasonable cost, to those informational services. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the use of television programs as an information resource be increased by allowing programs taped off the air or received via cable TV to be used by libraries at the public's convenience and without charge by requesting the White House Conference to either recommend modifications in the copyright law to allow for this or recommend the establishment of a reasonable fee schedule and procedure for dealing with the producers of programs and the national networks.

Program Recommendation: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a statewide, state supported educational television network be established.

Resolution 21 Issue: WHEREAS, public library and information services are an integral part of the state's basic responsibility for public education; and WHEREAS, growth patterns of public libraries and public schools are similar and represent related responses to the needs of society; and WHEREAS, broadened responsibilities in public education emphasizing individual learning and non-traditional approaches will develop a closer relationship between public libraries and public schools, and will encourage greater library use; and WHEREAS, great disparities in citizen access to adequate public library service in Colorado exist because of geographical and economic differences throughout the state; now, therefore,

Policy Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Colorado General Assembly extend to public libraries an equalization concept similar to that on which public schools are funded, in order to insure full educational and informational opportunities for all citizens regardless of their place of residence or economic status. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that state and local libraries actively seek equitable redistribution of tax-based funds for libraries.

Resolution 22 Issue: WHEREAS, Regional Library Service Systems are responsible for assisting in equal access to services statewide,

coordinating access to and development of resources and services of all types of libraries in their regions, providing supplemental services which libraries and library users require, providing basic services cooperatively which local libraries cannot afford individually, and acting as full service coordinating and development agencies for their region; and WHEREAS, systems are an essential element in the Colorado Library Development and Networking Plan to provide effective information services statewide and broadest use of Colorado libraries' human and material resources; and WHEREAS, system membership has tripled since enactment of the System Law in 1975; and WHEREAS, systems are receiving less actual funding which has been further substantially eroded by inflation since enactment of the law, resulting in an inability to meet their responsibilities and in some cases to further expand membership and services to eligible libraries; and with continuing population growth, increased demands to provide services which benefit libraries and users in their regions and all types of libraries; and WHEREAS, certain of these conditions and the need for additional system funding was partially documented in the System Management Study; now, therefore,

Program Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED, that the amount of increased funding needed to meet expanded system responsibilities and to remedy these conditions be studied and defined by the Colorado Library Association, the Colorado Education Media Association, the Special Library Association, the Regional Library Service Systems, the Colorado State Library, and the Department of Education, and that the Department of Education and State Library with the assistance of the profession and interested citizens vigorously pursue significantly increased funding through the General Assembly which will enable systems to meet these responsibilities.

CATEGORY II -- FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Resolution 1 Issue: WHEREAS, human communication barriers exist between library personnel and users regarding library programs, services and needs; and WHEREAS, the user, regardless of age, sometimes lacks necessary skills to gain access to information; and WHEREAS, geographic, legislative, municipal and program barriers prohibit equality of access to materials and services; and WHEREAS, financial barriers limit the user's access to library and information services; now, therefore,

Program Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED, that a national "Library Bill of Rights for Users" be developed which identifies who can use library services, what library services are available, and when, where, and how they can be used.

Resolution 4 Issue: WHEREAS, the prime method of delivery of library books and educational materials in Colorado is the United States Postal Service; and WHEREAS, the increasing cost of postal rates causes a financial hardship on libraries; and WHEREAS, the library rate is 4th class and not a priority; now, therefore,

Policy Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Colorado Governor's Conference recommend to the White House Conference and the federal government that federal action be taken to direct the United States Postal Service to either eliminate or reduce current postal rates for delivery and return of library books and educational materials and make said items a priority-mail item.

Resolution 23 Issue: WHEREAS, federal funds frequently restrict the right of access to library materials purchased with federal funds; and WHEREAS, such restrictions eliminate access by most taxpayers to specific materials; and WHEREAS, such restrictions hinder the sharing of resources between libraries of various types; now, therefore,

Policy Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED, that access restrictions be removed from library materials purchased with federal funds.

CATEGORY III -- COOPERATION

Resolution 3 Issue: WHEREAS, school and public libraries are each delivering library services to their respective communities; and WHEREAS, in many respects those communities overlap; and WHEREAS, school and public libraries are essentially dissimilar institutions; now, therefore,

Program Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED, that Regional Library Service Systems encourage and assist in the development of cooperative programs between school and public libraries.

Resolution 7 Issue: WHEREAS, the Colorado plan for library development, Libraries Colorado, declares the state's information resources are the aggregate of all the resources of all special libraries; and WHEREAS, the private and special libraries of the state of Colorado contain many unique resources; and WHEREAS, these libraries have expressed willingness to share these resources with Colorado citizens; and WHEREAS, the 1975 law establishing Regional Library Service Systems provides only for "publicly-supported libraries"; now, therefore,

Policy Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Colorado library law be revised to allow full and equal participation of privately supported libraries in regional library service systems.

Resolution 17 Issue: WHEREAS, there is a need for resource sharing among all types of libraries; and WHEREAS, there is a need for speedy access to information about collections, bibliographic data and availability status of materials; and WHEREAS, there is a need for compatibility of data format and equipment configuration to facilitate interlibrary cooperation; and WHEREAS, programs of cooperative collection development and subject specialization require all libraries to have knowledge of all state holdings; and WHEREAS, Libraries Colorado calls for continuing study of national and regional network developments with an assessment of their potential application; now, therefore,

Policy Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED, that public funds of Colorado be used to support research in library technologies so that all Colorado libraries may benefit from advances in technological development. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that patron privacy protection be ensured in all library technology endeavors. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that through the use of modern technology, all libraries be considered one state library resource.

Program Recommendation: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a clearinghouse for technological advancement/research for all libraries in Colorado be established. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Library provide leadership in implementation of the foregoing recommendations as soon as possible.

CATEGORY IV -- STATEWIDE SERVICES

Resolution 5 Issue: WHEREAS, at present there does not exist an adequate state film and video source available to all citizens of Colorado; and WHEREAS, at present there does not exist adequate cooperation in utilization of existing film and video collections; now, therefore,

Policy Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Colorado Library Association, the Colorado Educational Media Association, and the American Library Association be directed to take necessary steps to remove legal barriers to the availability to all residents for films purchased with public funds and the Regional Library Service Systems be directed then to develop an effective means of delivery and access.

Program Recommendation: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Colorado State Library in concert with the professional associations vigorously seek funds from the Colorado General Assembly to provide adequate free film and videotape services.

Resolution 12 Issue: WHEREAS, state law requires consulting services for school library media programs to the public schools; WHEREAS, prior to 1965 such services were provided by state funding; and WHEREAS, after 1965 a minimum service has been provided but only through federal funding made available by ESEA II and ESEA IIIB; now, therefore,

Program Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED, that the State of Colorado supply consulting services to school library media programs through appropriate state funding.

CATEGORY V -- EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Resolution 8 Issue: WHEREAS, trustees are strong political links between public libraries and their communities; and WHEREAS, trustees often need guidance and training in developing skills to better understand their roles as library board members; now, therefore,

Program Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED, that the trustees and citizens section of the Colorado Library Association cooperate with the State Library in developing a regular

program of in-service training to assist trustees to develop a growing understanding of the complex problems of libraries in today's society.

Resolution 10 Issue: WHEREAS, developments in librarianship are changing rapidly with the introduction of new technologies; and WHEREAS, librarians and library staff personnel need to develop new skills, knowledge and capabilities to satisfy user needs; now, therefore,

Program Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED, that continuing education opportunities be made available to all levels of library staff at accessible locations.

Resolution 13 Issue: WHEREAS, all library users need education in the most efficient use of library resources; and WHEREAS, programs designed to teach library user skills are the joint responsibility of the local public library and the local school library; and WHEREAS, library user education is most useful conducted for elementary and secondary school students to develop a life long use of libraries; now, therefore,

Program Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED, that programs in public libraries and public schools, designed to teach library user skills be integrated into the teaching objectives and procedures of the schools so that student library skill development becomes pertinent to growth.

CATEGORY VI -- MISCELLANEOUS

Resolution 9 Issue: WHEREAS, communities are comprised of a variety of special groups with a diversity of educational, cultural, and social characteristics; and WHEREAS, the diverse parts of the community have a variety of informational and educational needs; now, therefore,

Program Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED, that each library re-evaluate its goals and programs in order to better meet the needs of its total community.

Resolution 11 Issue: WHEREAS, the ability to locate and use information is essential to each individual in our informationally and technologically dynamic democratic society; and WHEREAS, the formal educational implementation of this should begin in early childhood; and WHEREAS, the school media center can play a role in developing the philosophy of life-long use of information science and services; and WHEREAS, a professionally trained library-media specialist can best meet these needs; now, therefore,

Policy Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED, that school library media programs be staffed by professionally trained, certified, library-media specialists as an educational priority in all schools in the state of Colorado, beginning at the primary level and continuing through institutions of higher learning.

Resolution 20 Issue: WHEREAS, the Colorado Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services has increased awareness of library services and programs among persons not professionally

connected with libraries in this state; and WHEREAS, increased communication resulting from the Conference between library and non-library-related persons will further the use and development of library and information services, and WHEREAS, continuation of regular conferences in order to follow up on implementation of the State and White House Conferences, as well as to provide a means of articulation of concerns relating to library services and information is worthwhile and desirable; now, therefore,

Program Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Colorado Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services encourage the establishment of local citizens' support groups to foster, through workshops and other programs, public awareness and support of libraries, including encouragement of volunteer assistance and utilization of libraries by special groups, and encourage the continuation of local conferences to further communication among local libraries. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Colorado State Library implement a mechanism for continuing communication among citizens of and libraries in Colorado on implementation of resolutions adopted by the State and White House Conferences, including as a minimum, notification by mail by the Colorado State Library of all duly elected delegates to the Colorado Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services as to the proceedings of and the resolutions passed at the White House Conference on Library and Information Services within one month of the White House Conference.

Resolution 24 Issue: WHEREAS, a plan for the development of library service in Colorado was approved by the Colorado State Board of Education in November, 1975 (titled Libraries Colorado); and WHEREAS, this plan is the product of extensive discussion among members of the library community, representing a consensus on long range goals for Colorado's libraries; and WHEREAS, only a portion of the goals of the plan have been accomplished; now, therefore,

Program Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Colorado State Library take the necessary action to fully implement the plan

Resolution 16 Issue: WHEREAS, the number of handicapped and other minority librarians is not proportional to the number of handicapped and minority citizens; and WHEREAS, some efforts, particularly in the form of scholarships, have been made both nationally and locally to encourage minorities to enroll in library school programs; and WHEREAS, these scholarships have not always been utilized; now, therefore,

Policy Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED, that library school recruitment programs for handicapped and minority students should offer more scholarships and should be more widely publicized.

FAILED RESOLUTIONS

The Delegates to the Colorado Governor's Conference voted that the results of the voting on resolutions be printed in the conference final report.

A. WHEREAS, the Colorado plan for library development, Libraries Colorado, declares every library is an entry point to the state's information resources; and WHEREAS, such information resources should be readily available to Colorado citizens regardless of geographic considerations; and WHEREAS, the present interlibrary loan services of the state are often not able to supply these resources within the time to meet user needs; and WHEREAS, the physical delivery of materials is handicapped by postal delays, lack of courier services beyond a few front-range cities, and commercial services which do not meet library needs; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that interlibrary loan services be improved by the expansion of reliable, efficient delivery services for library materials.

B. WHEREAS, every citizen of Colorado has an equal right to access to information in publicly-supported libraries in the state regardless of the place of residence; and WHEREAS, many areas of the state are not financially able to support adequate library service for the residents of the service area; and WHEREAS, significant differences in procedures and circulation equipment exist among libraries throughout the state; and WHEREAS, the Regional Library Service Systems are best suited to bring together librarians to develop a plan; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Regional Library Service Systems be charged with the responsibility of investigating a means and developing a method of permitting any resident of Colorado to borrow materials directly from any publicly-supported library. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the plan shall be submitted to the Colorado State Library for implementation.

C. WHEREAS, there is a need for user education at all levels of patronage and in all types of libraries; and WHEREAS, there is clear evidence that media-based instructional packages are very effective for individualized instruction; now, therefore.

BE IT RESOLVED, that local libraries be encouraged to institute media-based educational presentations to foster individual library skills.

D. WHEREAS, there is a lack of awareness of existing programs for special groups in the state of Colorado; and WHEREAS, libraries require information on the implementation of such programs; and WHEREAS, special user groups are most aware of library programs necessary to meet their needs; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Colorado State Library should fund a survey of existing programs for special groups in the state of Colorado, incorporating information from direct contact with special user groups.

E. WHEREAS, there are already existing friends', patrons' and similar lay support groups aiding libraries of various types in Colorado; and WHEREAS, their success and value at the individual library level has been often demonstrated; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that these groups be organized as a statewide support system for all types of libraries.

F. WHEREAS, libraries in the state of Colorado need additional financial support; and WHEREAS citizens of Colorado are given opportunity to specify a donation on their state income tax form for other worthwhile causes; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 1980 Colorado income tax form contain a space which allows every taxpayer the opportunity to designate $1 for public library materials.

G. WHEREAS, a paper has been presented to the National Commission on Libraries and Information Sciences endorsing the idea of large "block grants" to a state for all types of publicly-supported libraries instead of the present form of categorical federal aid to libraries; and WHEREAS, the present form of categorical federal aid to libraries, namely LSCA, HEA, and ESEA is a much more acceptable form of federal aid to libraries than "block grants"; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services of the state of Colorado is opposed to "block grants" to states for libraries and supports the present categorical mode of funding libraries.

VI. DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE

During the Colorado Governor's Conference, eight delegates and eleven alternates were elected to represent Colorado at the White House Conference. Among the delegates are one handicapped person and one minority person. Among the alternates are one person under 18 years of age and one minority person.

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VII. POST-STATE CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

The Colorado State Library has already started to distribute information about conference results throughout the State. The first step, preparing a four page insert for the June, 1979 State Library Newsletter has already been completed. The Newsletter is distributed to more than 3,000 libraries and library trustees in the State. The second step, work with the seven Regional Library System Directors to develop ways in which conference follow-up activities can be carried out on a regional basis, is currently underway. Finally, copies of this Conference Final Report will be placed in libraries as a permanent record of the conference process and results.

Planning is also underway to ensure that actions toward implementing conference resolutions will be organized in the best possible way. As can be seen from the overview chart of conference resolutions that appears in Section IV of this report, the potential for implementation may vary with the number of parties-at-interest who must share responsibilities for implementing each resolution. Most resolutions involve shared responsibilities among two to four agencies or units. Perhaps as many as nine of the resolutions will require action by the State Legislature.

Two important implementation activities have already taken place. The Colorado Council for Library Development (CCLD), the official advisory committee to the State Library, has appointed an implementation committee to study the resolutions and to advise the State Library on ways in which the state-based resolutions could be implemented. In addition, the Colorado Library Association and the Colorado Educational Media Association have each appointed an implementation committee which will make input through CCLD.

Four activities have been developed to prepare Colorado delegates for participation in the White House Conference. A survey of delegates was conducted to determine what they identify as their particular needs for information prior to the Washington meeting. The State Library will attempt to provide the information requested. As part of the information gathering process, tours of different types of libraries are being arranged for delegates.

Materials about Colorado libraries and the State Library have already been mailed to delegates. They also are meeting with CCLD members to learn more about how libraries in Colorado operate and to have an opportunity to hear discussions as to how the resolutions will be implemented.

As a regional activity, the Western Council of State Libraries will be holding a meeting for representative delegates from each state in the Western part of the country. At this meeting, similarities among resolutions arising from western Governor's conferences can be compared, and regional priorities determined.

VIII. EVALUATION

Two different evaluation studies were undertaken in Colorado. First, a standard evaluation form was developed for use at all of the Regional Conferences. This form was included in the conference-packets handout to participants. Questions were asked concerning the quality of the meeting, the site, the program, and the information made available before and at the regional conferences. Respondents were also asked to make suggestions for the statewide conference.

Using a scale of 0 - 7 to indicate a rating of poor-to-excellent, respondents seemed very satisfied with all aspects of the regional meetings. Statewide, the average response for all but two questions was 6.0 or higher. Meeting rooms (average rating of 5.3) and pre-meeting information (average rating of 5.0) were the lowest rated items on the evaluation questionnaire.

Many regional conference participants made suggestions for the statewide conference. The largest number of these concerned the format of the state conference. Numerous comments were made about providing information to state delegates, the organization of discussion groups, and the quality of discussion leaders. Respondents also commented on the need for better publicity and adequate dissemination of conference results. More emphasis on discussion of funding was requested as was more information about library services and resource sharing. All of the evaluation results were used by the Planning Committee in preparation for the state conference.

The second evaluation study was completed at the statewide conference. A 16-question evaluation form was given to conference participants; most of the questions required that respondents circle a best answer. Two of the questions were open-ended. The latter inquired about the best-liked and least-liked aspects of the conference. Basic information about the respondent (e.g. library or non-library related, age, ethnic group) was also requested. Completed questionnaires could be left at the conference information desk or returned by mail to the conference staff. Individual respondents could not be identified in any way. Completed evaluation forms were given to the evaluator for analysis.

A total of 77 completed evaluation forms were returned for analysis. In general, the profile of the group that responded to the evaluation is about the same as the profile of the total pool of elected delegates. Thus, the opinions expressed by the respondents are likely to be representative of the Governor's Conference delegates as a group. A summary of the profiles is given below.

	Total Pool of State Conference Delegates (n = 151)	Evaluation Respondents (n = 77)
Male	42%	36%
Female	58%	64%
Library-Related	38%	38%
Non-Library-Related	62%	62%
Under 18 Years	3%	3%
Over 60 Years	9%	11%

Overall, respondents expressed satisfaction with the Governor's Conference, although library-related delegates were more critical than non-library-related delegates. A summary of responses to six of the evaluation questions is given below. Some totals do not equal 100% due to rounding.

Question: Were the objectives of the Conference clear to you?

	Very effective, very clear, very useful, etc.	Effective, clear, useful, etc.	Not effective, not clear, not useful, etc.	No Opinion
Library-Related	32%	46%	21%	--
Non-Library-Related	29%	61%	10%	--

Question: How effective have discussions at the Governor's Conference been in presenting the needs for library/information services in Colorado?

Library-Related	4%	46%	46%	4%
Non-Library-Related	18%	58%	24%	--

Question: Did the Conference discussions make clear to you the kind of library/information services support that should be provided at local, regional, state and federal levels?

Library-Related	11%	50%	36%	3%
Non-Library-Related	11%	69%	20%	--

Question: How worthwhile do you believe that participation in this Conference has been for you?

Library-Related	31%	58%	11%	--
Non-Library-Related	51%	49%	---	--

One question inquired as to what respondents liked most about the Governor's Conference. The most frequent responses were: interaction and sharing of ideas, the speech by John Berry, and the organization of the Conference. There were no differences between the responses of the library-related delegates and the non-library-related delegates. Among the least liked aspects of the Conference were: poor discussion group leaders, the resolutions' adoption process, the NCLIS filmstrip, the politics practiced by some conference delegates, and the repetition of topics and discussion content (from the regionals and within the Governor's Conference). In general, there were no differences in responses from library- and non-library-related groups, although the latter had patterns with jargon, and some said they were not well-prepared in advance to understand library problems and issues.

Some consideration was given to following the NCLIS suggestion (Advisory Memorandum 12) that an evaluation include comparison of stated goals and objectives, as expressed in the project proposal with actual accomplishments of the completed state conference. For at least two reasons,this type of evaluation was not attempted. First, the Colorado project proposal was prepared in July and August 1977--almost two years in advance of the actual statewide conference. The original proposal was, therefore, limited in details. Secondly, the large number of NCLIS specific requirements necessitated more attention to details than to concepts. Staff and Planning Committee met the requirements and attended to the details. Evaluation of the statewide conference was perceived as the most important evaluation obligation; this obligation was completed.

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State of Colorado

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

DENVER

RICHARD D. LAMM
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER
PROCLAMATION
LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES WEEK
April 16 - 22, 1979

WHEREAS, the Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services will be held April 20 - 22, 1979, in Denver, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the goals of this Conference are: to determine if the library and information needs of Colorado citizens are being met, to examine national program objectives and determine Colorado's role and responsibilities in addressing those national issues, to determine the role and responsibilities of regional library service systems in meeting the library and information needs of Colorado citizens, and to determine the role of the State of Colorado in providing funding for information needs of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Conference will also prepare for the White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services to be held in Washington, D.C., later this year; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to recognize the special efforts of the delegates to the Governor's Conference on Libraries and Information Services as well as the many important services provided by librarians and information services personnel throughout the State;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard D. Lamm, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim April 16 - 22, 1979, as

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES WEEK

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this sixth day of April, A.D., 1979.

Richard D. Lamm
Governor

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GUIDE FOR DISCUSSION LEADERS & REPORTERS

GOVERNOR'S REGIONAL CONFERENCES

By:
Roger Greer, Facilitator

General

Discussion leaders and reporters are expected to lead, guide and nurture discussion during three specific periods of the conference. These periods last from one hour and a half on Friday to one hour and fifteen minutes for each of the discussion periods on Saturday. The purpose of the discussions is to get ideas,opinions, reactions, suggestions and conclusions regarding the current status and future developments in the areas of library and information services for Colorado as reflected in the various regions of the State. It is hoped that each discussion session will produce concrete suggestions that can be incorporated in the agenda for the state conference next Spring.

Discussion Leaders Responsibilities:

1. To initiate, provoke, guide and maintain a discussion among all participants in each group.

2. To keep each discussion session generally within the bounds of the topics indicated for each session.

3. To encourage each participant's involvement in the group discussion and prevent dominance by one or two vocal individuals.

4. To lead the discussion on each idea to a point of closure in order to develop a hierarchy of priorities near the end of each discussion period.

5. To demonstrate super-human talents in tact, leadership, support, reinforcement and coordination to arrive at logical conclusions developed during the discussion while making each participant feel that his views were wise, important and worthy of consideration.

Reporters Responsibilities:

1. To assist the discussion leader throughout the discussion.

2. To monitor the discussion and maintain a record of conclusions, suggestions and recommendations.

3. To complete the green REPORTING FORM at the conclusion of each discussion topic.

4. To present an oral report to the entire group during the REPORT OF DISCUSSIONS, Saturday.

5. To assist in prioritizing issues with the entire group during last session.

SUGGESTED DISCUSSION QUESTIONS, TOPICS AND ISSUES TO ENCOURAGE DISCUSSION

General

One of the most difficult tasks of the discussion leader will be the scope of each of the suggested discussion topics. Unless the leader is constantly alert, the first discussion session alone could easily lead to a superficial treatment of all three topics. Therefore, the problem will be to constantly focus the discussion on the primary topic while trying to encourage relaxed participation.

To discourage a general sweep across all topics, an announcement will be made stating that:

1. The first period will be devoted to a discussion of LIBRARY AND INFORMATION RESOURCES, i.e. facilities, materials and staff.

2. The second discussion session will focus on the general concept of ACCESS: hours of service, access to materials (e.g. loan periods) programs, information services, networks (inter-library loan) and access to individuals.

3. The third session will focus on the general concept of VALUE: sources of revenue, costs per services provided, alternatives to existing patterns of support for libraries.

Suggested Questions

Topic 1. What do you expect from your library?
Are your community's libraries and information services as good or better than the best you've heard of elsewhere?
What specific things are necessary to shape up your library?

FACILITIES, MATERIALS, STAFF

What does the particular library you use have in terms of space, material, staff? Is it adequate or inadequate in meeting your library needs? What suggestions would you offer to improve or change the situation?

What resources do you have regionally? Do you use these resources other than your own library? What about statewide resources? Do you use them?

Are your regional resources (space, staff, materials) adequate for your area?

In your opinion, what should be done to correct existing deficiencies?

Should all libraries within a region be organized vertically (e.g. all school, public, academic and special libraries within a region be better coordinated in their organizational relationships to each other and the regional populations served)?

Should horizontal relationships be strengthened? e.g. public libraries and other libraries be linked more closely, etc.

Should libraries be left alone to maintain complete independence within each region?

Should every library within the region and the state attempt to maintain a balanced collection of new and non-current materials of all facets of knowledge regardless of size or public served? Is this necessary? Is it economically feasible?

Should each region have one primary resource library containing new and non-current material, with all others oriented to the everyday needs and interests of the population in each community?

How do you think such a plan could be implemented and managed?

What percentage of your curiosity is satisfied locally in existing libraries?

Do you think of library service as synonymous with library buildings or do you think more services could be provided outside the library? What would you suggest?

Do you think that every library should be managed by a professional librarian? If not, at what size do you think a professional is required? If yes, what about smaller libraries? Do you think professionals should be shared regionally so that every library has at least a portion of a professional librarian's time as manager?

Topic II. How good is your access to information and library services? How do you feel in your library? Like a client, patron, intruder? Do you personally experience any unusual difficulty in getting library services and materials?

ACCESS TO MATERIALS, INFORMATION, ETC.

Is access to your library convenient for your needs?

In terms of service, do you think libraries should be:

passive--collect material, organize and store it in case you want to use it?

reactive--same as above (primarily book-oriented) but respond to any requests from users?

assertive--people-oriented. Customize collections and services to needs of public serviced--disseminate information in anticipation of need--be aggressive in developing information programs for groups.

Networks operate at a variety of levels and directions; locally across all types of libraries; regionally there is a similar pattern but often with interaction only among larger libraries; on a statewide basis the network is intended to bind the regions together; and nationally state-based networks provide the links in a chain of major resource centers around the country.

What proportion of your community would have a need to use these statewide and national networks to satisfy their information needs?

How much library service should be provided locally? Should the local libraries satisfy the educational, informational and recreational needs of the citizens of a region or should some of this be satisfied elsewhere?

To what extent do the libraries in your communities tailor their hours to fit your needs?

Is there a serious need for review or change of library hours in order to improve access?

Does the loan period imposed by your library affect your use of that library? In other words, do you sometimes not borrow material from the library because you worry about remembering to return it before you receive an overdue notice?

Do you think libraries could alter their lending policies to fit the needs of individual borrowers instead of the community as a whole? e.g. what about asking an individual to specify how long that person would like to have material before it would be overdue, i.e. two weeks, one month, six weeks, two months.

The library staff is available to collect, organize, and facilitate access to resources, information and knowledge in a manner most convenient to the public. To what extent is this true of the libraries in your community? What suggestions would you make to improve the situation?

Do you think members of your community are adequately informed about what your local libraries offer? Should these libraries, short of evangelism in information services, nevertheless, do more to give community members a "roadmap" of where they can get to from where they are in terms of library resources and services?

Topic III. Are you getting your money's worth in library services?
What are your property taxes buying in library service?
What other sources of money should be provided for support of your local library? Federal? State? Charges for services provided?
Do you recommend any changes in funding of local library services?

What is a reasonable dollar's worth of library service? How much should it cost per person using the library? Is an average cost of a dollar per book circulated reasonable? Is an average of a dollar per person visit to the library (for whatever reason) acceptable to you?

Do you think public libraries should be funded from taxes other than those based on the assessed value of property? What about sales taxes? Or some other source of revenue?

Where public funds are used to support school and academic, as well as some special libraries, should access be unrestricted to all residents of the region or limited to those specific groups for whom school and academic libraries are designed?

Libraries are currently charging for some services for which out-of-pocket costs are recovered, e.g. xeroxing, telephones, reserve requests. Which basic library services do you think should always be free to all users?

If more non-local funds were made available in your region, would you rather have this money used for more staff, better facilities, more material, better network or inter-library loan services, or other? Which would be more important in satisfying your information or library needs?

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REGIONAL CONFERENCES

Durango
September 29-30

Greeley
October 6-7

Pueblo
October 20-21

Frisco/Dillon
November 3-4

Grand Junction
November 10-11

Denver
December 1-2

Colorado Springs
December 8-9

STATE CONFERENCE

Denver
April 20-22, 1979

INFORMATION EXPLOSION - GET IT TOGETHER!

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF DELEGATES COLORADO GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES

Registrants at each Regional Conference will elect 4 delegates plus additional delegates pro-rated according to the 1975 population of the region. Delegate allocations are:

Southwest System (Durango)	4 + 2 = 6
High Plains System (Greeley)	4 + 12 = 16
Arkansas Valley System (Pueblo)	4 + 7 = 11
Three Rivers System (Dillon)	4 + 3 = 7
Pathfinder System (Grand Junction)	4 + 3 = 7
Central Colorado System (Denver)	4 + 44 = 48
Plains & Peaks System (Colorado Springs)	4 + 9 = 13
	28 + 80 = 108

In addition to the 108 delegates selected at the Regional Conferences, the State Delegate selection Sub-Committee will select an additional 14 delegates in an attempt to achieve the composition of delegates requested by the National Commission on Library and Information Science (NCLIS). Total delegate representation to the state conference is to be 122.

Two-thirds of the elected delegates will be non-library-related citizens and one-third will be from library-related persons.

Non-Library-Related registrants include any members of the public who is not currently or formerly an employee or affiliate of any library or library-related program. This category includes lay members of any Friends of the Library organization.

Library-related registrants include any present or former library service system employee, library trustee or board member, librarian, library/media school student, library/media instructor, library para-professional or researcher, or other present or former employee of a library, be it public, school, academic, governmental, institutional, non-profit or commercial. Any person holding an MLS degree is considered library-related.

Delegate nomination forms will be distributed to registrants at the Regional Conferences. Registrants will be encouraged to nominate themselves. Delegate nomination forms will require agreement by the nominee to:

1. Attend the entire Regional Conference in the Region he/she lives or works.

2. Read all materials sent out in advance of the State Conference.

3. Be present during the entire three days of the State Conference, April 20-22, 1979, in Denver.

Delegates elected by attendees at the Regional Conferences will be from a slate submitted by the Regional Delegate Selection Committee comprised of two non-library-related citizens from the region, one library-related person from the region, one member of the Governor's Conference Planning Committee, and the System Director from the region who will be Ex-Officio and will vote only in case of a tie. Nominations from the floor will be accepted provided such nominees have previously obtained at least 5 signatures by attendees at the Regional Conference.

The following criteria will be adhered to as nearly as possible in the citizen delegate selections:

No more than 60% of either sex.
At least 5% of the delegates shall be under age 18.
At least 5% of the delegates shall be over 60.
At least 5% of the delegates shall be handicapped.
At least 15% of the delegates shall represent minority groups.

Governor's Conference Planning Committee members will be attending the State Conference and are also eligible to be selected as delegates for alternates to the White House Conference.

DELEGATES TO THE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE

The State Conference will elect 8 delegates to attend the White House Conference. One citizen delegate is to be elected from each of Colorado's Congressional Districts. The remaining three delegates will be elected at large from the library-related area.

Three White House Conference alternates will be selected by the State Delegate Selection Sub-Committee. It is expected that the selection will be based on one non-library-related citizen, one library-related person, and one person at-large.

To be eligible for nomination to the White House Conference, one must attend the Regional Conference in his/her region and be elected as a delegate.

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DELEGATE NOMINATION FORM

COLORADO GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES

(Self Nominations are Encouraged)

Please Print

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____
(Street or P. O. Box) (City) (Zip Code)

TELEPHONES: _____ _____
(Business) (Home)

REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM: _____

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: _____

PLEASE CHECK THE GROUP(S) BELOW WHICH BEST DESCRIBE(S) THE NOMINEE:

Non-Library Related

____ Agricultural
____ Commercial
____ Communications
____ Education
____ Entertainment (arts, sports)
____ Friends of the Library
____ Government Worker
____ Homemaker
____ Institutionalized
____ Labor
____ Management
____ Professional
____ Public Official
____ Unemployed
____ Volunteer
____ Other (specify): _____

Library Related

____ College Library, 2 years
____ College Library, 4 years
____ Institutional Library--Type: _____
____ Library/Media Education (Instructor)/ Library Research
____ Library/Media School Student
____ Library Systems Employee
____ Library Trustee or Library Board Member
____ Para-Professional (Library)
____ Public Libraries serving over 50,000 pop.
____ Public Libraries serving under 50,000 pop
____ Research Library
____ School Library/Media Center/BOCES Media Center--Type: _____
____ Special Library
____ University Library
____ Other (specify): _____

OPTIONAL INFORMATION: *(Meets Federal Guidelines) You do not have to fill in this information; however, it will enable a balanced selection of delegates.*

Completed Education Level	Sex	Ethnic Group	Age	Handicaps/ Disabilities
___ 6th grade	___ Male	___ Native American	___ Under 18	___ Blind
___ High School		___ Hispano	___ 19-25	___ Deaf
___ College	___ Female	___ Black	___ 26-45	___ Motor (specify):
___ Adv. Degree		___ White	___ 46-60	_____
		___ Asian	___ 60 +	___ Other (specify):
		___ Other		_____

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** FOR NON-LIBRARY RELATED NOMINEES **

Civic, professional, fraternal, social memberships; offices held and dates, if any:

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** FOR LIBRARY RELATED NOMINEES **

Number of years in library/information science field: _____

Involvement in professional organization:

Member of: _____

Committee Assignments (include dates): _____

_____

_____

_____

Offices Held (Include dates): _____

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Involvement in activities relating to pre-planning for Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services: _____

_____

** FOR ALL NOMINEES **

Area of study in college, if any: _____

Community activities and interests; _____

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Discuss work experience and employment: _____

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NOMINEE AGREES TO:

1. Attend the entire Regional Conference in his/her region.
2. Read all materials sent out in advance of the State Conference.
3. Attend the entire three days of the State Conference, April 20-22, 1979, in Denver. (Most expenses will be reimbursed to delegates.)

_____ _____

(Signature of Nominee) (Date)

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GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES

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CONFERENCE BUDGET SUMMARY

- Actual Expenditures

	BUDGETED	EXPENDED
A. Income:		
NCLIS Grant	$17,500.00	$17,500.00
Other Federal Funds	50,741.00	53,256.35
State Funds		5,596.81
Foundation Grant(s)		
Other (please specify) State Conference Registration Fee and Sponsorships		1,180.00
TOTAL INCOME	$68,241.00	$77,533.16
B. Expenses:		
(1) Personnel		
Staff (person-months)	$ 6,500.00	$ 521.88
Consultants (person-days)	14,900.00	19,150.00
Benefits		
TOTAL PERSONNEL	$21,400.00	$19,671.88
(2) Operating Expenses--Pre- and Post-State Conference		
Travel and Per Diem (staff and committee)	$ 2,500.00	$ 2,934.77
Rent and Utilities		
Communications (telephone, postage, etc.)	1,700.00	3,360.61
Printing, Reproduction, Graphics	11,500.00	13,225.17
Services (computer, copying equipment, etc.)		
Supplies	400.00	621.54
Equipment	800.00	678.50
Other (please specify) Indemnity Bond	2,900.00	232.00
*. See Detail Below	10,031.00	19,354.00
TOTAL PRE-/POST-	$29,831.00	$40,406.59
(3) Conference Costs		
Travel and Per Diem (delegates, staff, committee)	$15,850.00	$13,295.69
Meeting Rooms and Offices (if extra)	480.00	350.00
Printing, Duplicating, Graphics		1,200.00
Audiovisual equipment and services	500.00	1,525.00
Communications		
Supplies		254.00
Equipment	180.00	
Other Services. Deaf Interpretation Services		240.00
Other (please specify). Entertainment		130.00
Speaker's Fee		460.00
TOTAL CONFERENCE	$17,010.00	$17,454.69
TOTAL EXPENSES	$68,241.00	$77,533.16

* Public Relations Contract $ 3,000.00
Regional Conf. Expenses 11,012.00 (hotel, meals, etc.)
Proceedings Editor 442.00
Media West Contract 4,900.00
$19,354.00

This Financial report is certified true and correct. A. M. Falsone
State Librarian